

Application No. 10/735,645

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on May 3, 2005. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Branemark.

Applicant notes with gratitude that claims 4-8 are allowable.

Although applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection, for the purposes of expediting allowance claim 1 has been cancelled. It is accordingly respectfully submitted that claims 4-8 are in a condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
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